### Senate



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The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. DOYLE of the 9th Dist. and SEN. KISSEL of the 7th Dist., Chairpersons of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

#### AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO VARIOUS STATUTES CONCERNING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 19a-343 of the general statutes is repealed and the 2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):
- (a) For the purposes of [sections 19a-343] this section and sections 19a-343a to 19a-343h, inclusive, a person creates or maintains a public nuisance if such person erects, establishes, maintains, uses, owns or leases any real property or portion [thereof] of such property for (1) any of the purposes enumerated in subdivisions (1) to (6), inclusive, of subsection (c) of this section, or (2) on which any of the offenses 9 enumerated in subdivisions (1) to (14), inclusive, of subsection (c) of 10 this section have occurred.
- 11 (b) The state has the exclusive right to bring an action to abate a 12 public nuisance under this section and sections 19a-343a to 19a-343h,

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inclusive, involving any real property or portion [thereof] of such property, commercial or residential, including single or multifamily dwellings, provided there have been three or more arrests, the issuance of three or more arrest warrants indicating a pattern of criminal activity and not isolated incidents or the issuance of three or more citations for a violation of a municipal ordinance as described in subdivision (14) of subsection (c) of this section, for conduct on the property documented by a law enforcement officer for any of the offenses enumerated in subdivisions (1) to (14), inclusive, of subsection (c) of this section [within the three hundred sixty-five days] during the three-hundred-sixty-five-day period preceding commencement of the action.

- (c) Three or more arrests, the issuance of three or more arrest warrants indicating a pattern of criminal activity and not isolated incidents or the issuance of three or more citations for a violation of a municipal ordinance as described in subdivision (14) of this subsection, for the following offenses shall constitute the basis for bringing an action to abate a public nuisance:
- 31 (1) Prostitution under section 53a-82, 53a-83, 53a-86, 53a-87, 53a-88 32 or 53a-89.
  - (2) Promoting an obscene performance or obscene material under section 53a-196 or 53a-196b, employing a minor in an obscene performance under section 53a-196a, importing child pornography under section 53a-196c, possessing child pornography in the first degree under section 53a-196d, possessing child pornography in the second degree under section 53a-196e or possessing child pornography in the third degree under section 53a-196f.
  - (3) Transmission of gambling information under section 53-278b or 53-278d or maintaining of a gambling premises under section 53-278e.
    - (4) Offenses for the sale of controlled substances, possession of controlled substances with intent to sell, or maintaining a drug factory under section 21a-277, 21a-278 or 21a-278a or use of the property by

45 persons possessing controlled substances under section 21a-279.

- 46 Nothing in this section shall prevent the state from also proceeding
- 47 against property under section 21a-259 or 54-36h.
- 48 (5) Unauthorized sale of alcoholic liquor under section 30-74 or
- 49 disposing of liquor without a permit under section 30-77, or sale or
- 50 delivery of alcoholic liquor to any minor under subdivision (1) of
- 51 <u>subsection (b) of section 30-86 or the sale, delivery or giving of alcoholic</u>
- 52 <u>liquor to a minor under subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 30-</u>
- 53 86.
- 54 (6) Maintaining a motor vehicle chop shop under section 14-149a.
- 55 (7) Inciting injury to persons or property under section 53a-179a.
- 56 (8) Murder or manslaughter under section 53a-54a, 53a-54b, 53a-55,
- 57 53a-56 or 53a-56a.
- 58 (9) Assault under section 53a-59, 53a-59a, subdivision (1) of
- 59 subsection (a) of section 53a-60 or section 53a-60a or 53a-61.
- 60 (10) Sexual assault under section 53a-70 or 53a-70a.
- 61 (11) Fire safety violations under section 29-292, subsection (b) of
- 62 section 29-310, or section 29-315, 29-320, 29-329, 29-337, 29-349 or 29-
- 63 357.
- 64 (12) Firearm offenses under section 29-35, 53-202aa, 53-203, 53a-211,
- 65 53a-212, 53a-216, 53a-217 or 53a-217c.
- 66 (13) Illegal manufacture, sale, possession or dispensing of a drug
- 67 under subdivision (2) of section 21a-108.
- 68 (14) Violation of a municipal ordinance resulting in the issuance of a
- 69 citation for (A) excessive noise on nonresidential real property that
- 70 significantly impacts the surrounding area, provided the
- 71 municipality's excessive noise ordinance is based on an objective
- 52 standard, (B) owning or leasing a dwelling unit that provides residence
- to an excessive number of unrelated persons resulting in dangerous or

unsanitary conditions that significantly impact the safety of the surrounding area, or (C) impermissible operation of (i) a business that permits persons who are not licensed pursuant to section 20-206b to engage in the practice of massage therapy, or (ii) a massage parlor, as defined by the applicable municipal ordinance, that significantly impacts the safety of the surrounding area.

- Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 21a-283 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):
  - (b) The Division of Scientific Services within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall establish the standards for analytical tests to be conducted with respect to controlled drugs, or with respect to body fluids believed to contain alcohol, by qualified professional toxicologists and chemists operating under the division's direction and shall have the general responsibility for supervising such analytical personnel in the performance of such tests. The original report of an analysis made by such analytical personnel of the Division of Scientific Services or by a qualified toxicologist, pathologist or chemist of a laboratory of the United States Bureau of Narcotics shall be signed and dated, either by hand or electronically, by the analyst actually conducting the tests and shall state the nature of the analytical tests or procedures, the identification and number of samples tested and the results of the analytical tests. A copy of such report certified by the analyst shall be received in any court of this state as competent evidence of the matters and facts therein contained at any hearing in probable cause, pretrial hearing or trial. If such copy is to be offered in evidence at a trial, the attorney for the state shall send a copy thereof, by certified mail, to the attorney of the defendant who has filed an appearance of record or, if there is no such attorney, to the defendant if such defendant has filed an appearance pro se, and such attorney or defendant, as the case may be, shall, [within] not later than five days [of] <u>after</u> the receipt of such copy, notify the attorney for the state, in writing, if such attorney or defendant intends to contest the introduction of such certified copy. No such trial shall commence until

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the expiration of such five-day period and, if such intention to contest has been filed, the usual rules of evidence shall obtain at such trial.

Sec. 3. Section 53-39a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

112 Whenever, in any prosecution of [an officer of the Division of State 113 Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public 114 Protection, or a member of the Office of State Capitol Police or any 115 member of a law enforcement unit, as defined in section 7-294a, any 116 person appointed under section 29-18 as a special policeman for the 117 State Capitol building and grounds, the Legislative Office Building 118 and parking garage and related structures and facilities, and other 119 areas under the supervision and control of the Joint Committee on 120 Legislative Management, or [a local police department] any inspector 121 in the Division of Criminal Justice for a crime allegedly committed by 122 such [officer] member, person or inspector in the course of [his] duty, 123 [as such,] the charge is dismissed or the [officer] member, person or 124 inspector found not guilty, such [officer] member, person or inspector 125 shall be indemnified by [his] such member's, person's or inspector's 126 employing governmental unit for economic loss sustained by [him] 127 such member, person or inspector as a result of such prosecution, including the payment of attorney's fees and costs incurred during the 128 129 prosecution and the enforcement of this section. Such [officer] 130 member, person or inspector may bring an action in the Superior Court 131 against such employing governmental unit to enforce the provisions of 132 this section.

Sec. 4. Section 53a-28a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

All financial obligations ordered pursuant to subsection (c) of section 53a-28 may be enforced in the same manner as a judgment in a civil action by the party or entity to whom the obligation is owed. Such obligations may be enforced at any time during the [ten-year] twenty-year period following the offender's release from confinement or [within ten] not later than twenty years [of] after the entry of the order

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- 141 and sentence, whichever is longer.
- Sec. 5. Section 53a-123 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):
- 144 (a) A person is guilty of larceny in the second degree when he commits larceny, as defined in section 53a-119, and: (1) The property 145 146 consists of a motor vehicle, the value of which exceeds ten thousand 147 dollars, (2) the value of the property or service exceeds ten thousand 148 dollars, (3) the property, regardless of its nature or value, is taken from 149 the person of another, (4) the property is obtained by defrauding a 150 public community, and the value of such property is two thousand 151 dollars or less, (5) the property, regardless of its nature or value, is 152 obtained by embezzlement, false pretenses or false promise and the 153 victim of such larceny is sixty years of age or older, or is a conserved 154 person, as defined in section 45a-644, or is blind or physically disabled, 155 as defined in section 1-1f, or (6) the property, regardless of its value, 156 consists of wire, cable or other equipment used in the provision of 157 telecommunications service and the taking of such property causes an 158 interruption in the provision of emergency telecommunications 159 service.
  - (b) For purposes of this section, "motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle, construction equipment, agricultural tractor or farm implement or major component part of any of the above. In any prosecution under subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section, evidence of (1) forcible entry, (2) forcible removal of ignition, or (3) alteration, mutilation or removal of a vehicle identification number shall be prima facie evidence (A) that the person in control or possession of such motor vehicle knows or should have known that such motor vehicle is stolen, and (B) that such person possesses such motor vehicle with larcenous intent.
- 170 (c) Larceny in the second degree is a class C felony.
- 171 Sec. 6. Section 54-86d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

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Any person who has been the victim of a sexual assault under section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-70b, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or 53a-73a, voyeurism under section 53a-189a, or injury or risk of injury, or impairing of morals under section 53-21, or of an attempt thereof, or family violence, as defined in section 46b-38a, shall not be required to divulge his or her address or telephone number during any trial or pretrial evidentiary hearing arising from the sexual assault, voyeurism or injury or risk of injury to, or impairing of morals of, a child, or family violence; provided the judge presiding over such legal proceeding finds: (1) Such information is not material to the proceeding, (2) the identity of the victim has been satisfactorily established, and (3) the current address of the victim will be made available to the defense in the same manner and time as such information is made available to the defense for other criminal offenses.

Sec. 7. Section 54-86e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

The name and address of the victim of a sexual assault under section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-70b, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or 53a-73a, voyeurism under section 53a-189a, or injury or risk of injury, or impairing of morals under section 53-21, or of an attempt thereof, or family violence, as defined in section 46b-38a and such other identifying information pertaining to such victim as determined by the court, shall be confidential and shall be disclosed only upon order of the Superior Court, except that (1) such information shall be available to the accused in the same manner and time as such information is available to persons accused of other criminal offenses, and (2) if a protective order is issued in a prosecution under any of said sections, the name and address of the victim, in addition to the information contained in and concerning the issuance of such order, shall be entered in the registry of protective orders pursuant to section 51-5c.

Sec. 8. Section 2 of public act 11-252, as amended by section 3 of public act 12-111 and section 11 of public act 14-233, is repealed and

the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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(a) There is established an Eyewitness Identification and Emerging Technologies Task Force to [study issues concerning eyewitness identification in criminal investigations and the use of sequential live and photo lineups. The task force shall examine: (1) The science of sequential methods of conducting a live lineup and a photo lineup, (2) the use of sequential lineups in other states, (3) the practical implications of a state law mandating sequential lineups, and (4) such other topics as the task force deems appropriate relating to eyewitness identification and the provision of sequential lineups] assist the Police Officer Standards and Training Council and the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection in the development of policies and guidelines for law enforcement agencies concerning (1) eyewitness identification procedures, (2) the use of other emerging technologies to promote effective law enforcement and preventive measures to preclude the use of such technologies for criminal purposes, and (3) such other topics related to eyewitness identification and emerging technologies as the task force deems appropriate.

(b) The task force shall consist of the following members or their designees: The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly on the judiciary; the Chief State's Attorney; the Chief Public Defender; the Victim Advocate; an active or retired judge appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; a municipal police chief appointed by the president of the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association; the director of the Division of Scientific Services within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection; a representative of the Police Officer Standards and Training Council; a representative of the State Police Training School appointed by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection; a representative of the criminal defense bar appointed by the president of the Connecticut Criminal Defense Lawyers Association; a representative from the Connecticut Innocence Project; and six public members, including the dean of a law school

located in this state and a social scientist, appointed one each by the

- 241 president pro tempore of the Senate, the speaker of the House of
- Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate, the majority leader
- of the House of Representatives, the minority leader of the Senate, and
- the minority leader of the House of Representatives.
- (c) The task force may solicit and accept gifts, donations, grants or
- 246 funds from any public or private source to assist the task force in
- 247 carrying out its duties.
- 248 (d) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to
- 249 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly on the judiciary
- in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes [not later than
- 251 April 1, 2012] as the task force deems appropriate.
- [(e) After submitting the report required under subsection (d) of this
- 253 section, the task force shall continue in existence for the purpose of (1)
- assisting the Police Officer Standards and Training Council and the
- 255 Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services
- and Public Protection in the development of policies and guidelines for
- 257 the conducting of eyewitness identification procedures by law
- 258 enforcement agencies as required by subsection (b) of section 54-1p of
- 259 the general statutes, (2) researching and evaluating best practices in the
- 260 conducting of eyewitness identification procedures as such practices
- 261 may change from time to time, and recommending such revised best
- practices to the Police Officer Standards and Training Council and the
- 263 Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services
- 264 and Public Protection, (3) collecting statistics concerning the
- 265 conducting of eyewitness identification procedures by law
- 266 enforcement agencies, and (4) monitoring the implementation of
- section 54-1p of the general statutes. The task force shall report the
- 268 results of such monitoring, including any recommendations for
- 269 proposed legislation, to the joint standing committee of the General
- 270 Assembly on the judiciary in accordance with section 11-4a of the
- 271 general statutes not later than February 5, 2014.
- 272 (f) After submitting the report required under subsection (e) of this

273 section, the task force may continue in existence until June 30, 2016, for 274 the purpose set forth in subdivision (3) of subsection (e) of this section, 275 to collect and assist in the archiving of eyewitness identification 276 procedures used by law enforcement agencies in this state, and to 277 consider best practices in eyewitness identification procedures adopted 278 by law enforcement agencies in other states, provided members of the 279 task force and advisors to the task force shall receive no compensation 280 for their services.]

Sec. 9. Section 51-279e of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2017*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:				
Section 1	October 1, 2017	19a-343		
Sec. 2	October 1, 2017	21a-283(b)		
Sec. 3	October 1, 2017	53-39a		
Sec. 4	October 1, 2017	53a-28a		
Sec. 5	October 1, 2017	53a-123		
Sec. 6	October 1, 2017	54-86d		
Sec. 7	October 1, 2017	54-86e		
Sec. 8	from passage	PA 11-252, Sec. 2		
Sec. 9	July 1, 2017	Repealer section		

JUD Joint Favorable Subst.

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

#### **OFA Fiscal Note**

#### State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 18 \$	FY 19 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential	See Below	See Below
	Revenue Gain		
Correction, Dept.; Judicial Dept.	GF - Potential	See Below	See Below
(Probation)	Cost		

Note: GF=General Fund

#### Municipal Impact: None

#### **Explanation**

The bill makes various changes to criminal justice statutes, most which do not result in a fiscal impact.

Section 5 expands 2<sup>nd</sup> degree larceny and results in a potential revenue gain from fines. In FY 15, there was one case that resulted in a fine of \$5,000. To the extent that offenders are prosecuted for expanded offenses under this bill, potential costs for incarceration or probation supervision in the community would result. On average, it costs the state \$7,260 (including benefits) to supervise an inmate in the community, as opposed to \$61,320 (including benefits) to incarcerate an offender. There are currently 131 inmates incarcerated for 2<sup>nd</sup> degree larceny.

#### The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of violations.

Sources: Judicial Department Offenses and Revenue Database

# OLR Bill Analysis sSB 1003

## AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO VARIOUS STATUTES CONCERNING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

#### SUMMARY

This bill makes the following unrelated changes to criminal laws and procedures:

- 1. adds alcohol sales to minors to the list of activities that can be the basis for a state action to abate a public nuisance;
- 2. allows toxicologists, pathologists, and chemists to sign certain chemical analysis test reports electronically;
- expands the types of law enforcement officers who must be indemnified by their employers and adds Division of Criminal Justice inspectors to the list of professionals who must be indemnified;
- 4. extends the period in which a person may enforce a court order that an offender provide financial restitution to a victim;
- 5. makes it a form of 2<sup>nd</sup> degree larceny if someone takes property from a conserved person by embezzlement, false pretenses, or false promise;
- extends to victims of the crime of sexual assault in a spousal or cohabiting relationship two protections regarding their names and other identifying information;
- 7. reconstitutes the Eyewitness Identification Task Force and expands its scope to include the use of emerging technologies in law enforcement; and

8. repeals a duplicative reporting requirement on Medicaid fraud recoveries.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2017, except the task force provisions are effective upon passage and the repealer (§ 9) is effective July 1, 2017.

#### § 1 — STATE ACTION FOR PUBLIC NUISANCE

By law, the state can bring an action to abate a public nuisance on any real property on which, within the past 365 days, there have been three or more (1) arrests for certain crimes; (2) arrest warrants issued for certain crimes that are not isolated incidents, indicating a pattern of criminal activity; or (3) municipal citations issued for certain violations.

The bill adds the following to the list of activities that can be the basis for a nuisance abatement action: (1) sale or delivery of alcohol to a minor by an alcohol permit holder or his or her servant or agent and (2) sale, delivery, or giving of alcohol to a minor, including through the internet (CGS § 30-86(b)(1) and (2)).

Examples of activity that subject a property to an abatement action under existing law include unauthorized sale of alcohol and disposing of alcohol without a permit, prostitution-related offenses, drug crimes, certain firearm-related crimes, and municipal citations such as those for excessive noise on nonresidential property.

The law authorizes various types of relief to abate a public nuisance, such as allowing a court to (1) appoint a receiver to manage the property while a nuisance action is pending, (2) order the closing of the property or some part of it, and (3) impose civil fines or imprisonment for certain intentional violations (CGS § 19a-343 et seq.).

#### § 2 — ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE ON TEST REPORTS

Existing law requires the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection's (DESPP) Division of Scientific Services analytical personnel or U.S. Bureau of Narcotics qualified toxicologists,

pathologists, and chemists to sign and date original reports of tests on controlled drugs or bodily fluids believed to contain alcohol for use in criminal cases. The bill specifies that they may sign the reports electronically or in writing.

#### § 3 — INDEMNIFICATION

The bill expands the types of officers entitled to indemnification from their employers if they are prosecuted for a crime allegedly committed in the course of duty and are found not guilty or have the charges dismissed.

Currently, State Police, local police, Capitol Police, and certain other appointed special policemen for the Capitol complex are entitled to this indemnification. The bill expands the law to include the following:

- 1. officers of any other state, municipal, or other government entity with a primary function that includes enforcing criminal or traffic laws; preserving public order; protecting life and property; or preventing, detecting, or investigating crime;
- 2. Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan tribes' police officers; and
- 3. Division of Criminal Justice inspectors.

#### § 4 — ENFORCING RESTITUTION ORDERS

The bill extends by 10 years the period in which someone can enforce and collect a court order that an offender pay financial restitution to a victim. Currently, the order is enforceable for 10 years from the date of the order's entry or offender's release from prison, whichever is longer. Under the bill, it is enforceable for 20 years from either of these dates, whichever is longer.

#### § 5 — LARCENY OF A CONSERVED PERSON

By law, it is 2<sup>nd</sup> degree larceny to take property by embezzlement, false pretenses, or false promise from someone who is age 60 or over or someone who is blind or has a physical disability. The bill extends this to taking property in the same manner from a conserved person,

defined as someone for whom a probate court has appointed a conservator of the estate (to manage the person's financial affairs) or of the person (to manage the person's personal affairs).

By law, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree larceny is a class C felony, punishable by up to 10 years in prison, a fine of up to \$10,000, or both.

Currently, committing this conduct against a victim who is a conserved person is punishable under the larceny statutes with the penalty varying based on the amount of property taken, from a class C misdemeanor (punishable by up to three months in prison, a fine of up to \$500, or both) to a class B felony (punishable by up to 20 years in prison, a fine of up to \$15,000, or both).

#### §§ 6 & 7 — SEX ASSAULT VICTIMS' NAMES

The bill extends to victims of sexual assault in a spousal or cohabiting relationship two protections that existing law gives to certain sexual assault and other victims regarding their names and other personal information.

First, the bill prohibits requiring such a victim to divulge his or her address or phone number during a trial or pretrial evidentiary hearing arising from the crime if the judge finds the (1) information is not material, (2) victim's identity is satisfactorily established, and (3) victim's current address will be given to the defense in the same way as with cases involving other offenses.

Second, the bill generally makes confidential the victim's name, address, and other information the court determines is identifying, but it allows the following:

- 1. a court to order disclosure;
- 2. the accused to have access to the information in the same way as for cases involving other offenses; and
- 3. the victim's name, address, and information concerning the order to be entered in the protective order registry (which

makes the information available to certain officials and others but otherwise limits disclosure) if a protective order is issued in the prosecution.

By law, these two protections already apply to the names, addresses, and information of victims of:

- 1. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th degree sexual assault;
- 2. 1st degree aggravated sexual assault;
- 3. 3<sup>rd</sup> degree sexual assault with a firearm;
- 4. voyeurism;
- 5. risk of injury to a minor; or
- 6. an attempt to commit one of these crimes.

These provisions also already apply to family violence crimes.

### § 8 — EYEWITNESS IDENTIFICATION AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES TASK FORCE

A 2011 law established the Eyewitness Identification Task Force to study and report on issues concerning eyewitness identification in criminal investigations and the use of sequential live and photo lineups. Subsequent acts expanded the task force's functions and allowed it to continue until June 30, 2016.

The bill reconstitutes the task force as the Eyewitness Identification and Emerging Technologies Task Force. It requires the task force to assist the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POST) and the State Police in developing policies and guidelines for law enforcement agencies on:

- 1. eyewitness identification procedures (the prior task force had a similar function),
- 2. the use of other emerging technologies to promote effective law

enforcement and how to prevent the criminal use of these technologies, and

3. other related topics as the task force deems appropriate.

The bill requires the task force to report its findings and recommendations to the Judiciary Committee as the task force deems appropriate. As with the prior task force, the reconstituted task force can solicit and accept gifts, donations, grants, or funds from public or private sources to help perform its duties.

The bill also eliminates obsolete reporting requirements.

#### Membership

The bill carries forward the same appointment categories as under current law and adds the director of DESPP's Division of Scientific Services. Thus, the task force must consist of the following members or their designees:

- 1. the Judiciary Committee chairpersons and ranking members;
- 2. the chief state's attorney;
- 3. the chief public defender;
- 4. the victim advocate;
- 5. an active or retired judge appointed by the Supreme Court chief justice;
- 6. a municipal police chief appointed by the Connecticut Police Chief Association's president;
- 7. the director of DESPP's Division of Scientific Services;
- 8. a POST representative;
- 9. a State Police Training School representative appointed by the DESPP commissioner;

10. a representative of the criminal defense bar appointed by the Connecticut Criminal Defense Lawyers Association president;

- 11. a Connecticut Innocence Project representative; and
- 12. six members of the public, each appointed by one of the six legislative leaders. (Appointments must include a dean from a Connecticut law school and a social scientist.)

#### § 9 — REPEALER

The bill repeals a statute that requires the chief state's attorney to annually report to the Appropriations Committee on the Division of Criminal Justice's monetary recoveries resulting from its investigations of fraud related to the Department of Social Services' (DSS) medical assistance programs (CGS § 51-279e).

Another existing law, unchanged by the bill, requires the chief state's attorney to report similar information on Medicaid fraud recoveries, as part of a report the DSS commissioner must annually submit in coordination with the chief state's attorney and the attorney general (CGS § 17b-99b).

#### BACKGROUND

#### Related Bills

sSB 726 and sHB 7198, both reported favorably by the Judiciary Committee, allow enforcement of a financial restitution order up to 10 years after the termination of the offender's probation.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

**Judiciary Committee** 

Joint Favorable Substitute Yea 40 Nay 0 (04/03/2017)